



SWARCER NEWS

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2009 SCOUTING JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

The South Wake ARC will be participating in the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree on the Air event (JOTA) this year. It will take place October 17th and 18th at the American Legion Post 116, 6400 Johnson Pond Rd, Fuquay Varina. We will need to operate at least 3 stations in order to accommodate the number of scouts that will be needing 5 contacts to earn their radio badge. If you can help, please email Dave Caudel at mary.davecaudle@gmail.com.

The Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is an annual event in which Scouts all over the world speak to each other via amateur radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, via the radio waves. Since 1958 when the first jamboree-on-the-Air was held, thousands of Scouts have "met" each other through this event. Not only is it fun to talk to Scouts from other parts of the world but it provides also a chance to find out about other countries and about Scouting elsewhere. Many contacts made during the JOTA have resulted in penpals and links between scout troops that have lasted for many years. It's also one of our best opportunities to share our great hobby with enthusiastic young people. This year's JOTA will be held October 17 and 18. Each station can choose its own operating hours within this period, so you may have time to also attend the state ARES meeting on Saturday morning! You can help both boy and girl scouts earn their radio merit badges during the event and we might get a few new hams too! Your club can contact a local girl or boy scout troop and offer to setup an operating event in the field, or invite a group to your home station. North Carolina also has a yahoo group for NCJOTA if anyone wishes to join: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NCJOTA/> and it's a good clearing house for those active with JOTA.

More information is also available at <http://www.scout.org/jota>.

Also see page two of this newsletter for additional information.

PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

2009 Diabetes Walk, Research Triangle Park, September 26th, 2009

Time: Start time is 9:00 (Walk starts at 9:30). Walkers will start at 79 TW Alexander.

General: A light Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Using the 442.075 (114.8) repeater. <http://hampublicservice.org/adawalk.php>

2009 Light The Night Walk, Downtown Raleigh, October 17th, 2009

Time: All Volunteers need to show up by 5:30 pm. Event will start at dusk, and is expected to last until 9:00 pm. Start/finish will be at Bicentennial Plaza - Museum of History

General: Best to park in the area of Halifax Mall (the Legislature Building. Maps will be distributed when we meet. We will be using Simplex 146.52 for the event <http://hampublicservice.org/LTN1.php>

2009 Light The Night Walk, Downtown Durham, October 22nd, 2009

Time: All Participants need to show up by 5:30 pm. Event is expected to last until 9:00 pm.

General: Lots of public parking Garages around the American Tobacco Campus. Maps will be distributed when we meet. We will be using the 444.925(94.8) repeater. <http://hampublicservice.org/LTN2.php>

Special Points of Interest

- Net nightly at 7:30 on the 147.195 repeater
- Tuesday night traders net at 8:00 PM on the 147.195 repeater
- Next meeting:
October 5, 2009 at 7PM
FV PresbyteriaChurch
307 N Ennis Street
Fuquay-Varina
- The October premeeting meal will be Pot Luck.

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INTERNATIONAL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

52nd Jamboree-on-the-Air

OCTOBER 17-18, 2009

WHAT IS JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting and amateur radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world participate. If the conditions are right, it is common to contact a hundred Scouting countries during the weekend.

In the United States, Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols visit a local amateur's ham shack during JOTA. Many districts and councils hold events that coincide with JOTA, where amateurs set up stations giving Scouts and leaders a chance to exchange greetings with Scouts from other areas.

The exchanges typically include information such as

- Name
- Location (QTH)
- Scout rank
- Hobbies
- Age

Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships and the exchange of photos, badges, pins, and patches.

The usual communications method calls for speaking into a microphone. However, the following specialized communications are also used during JOTA:

- Slow Scan TV, or SSTV
- Amateur TV, or ATV
- Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio, or OSCAR
- Packet radio, or modem communication without a phone—PSK-31
- Radio Teletype, or RTTY
- Earth-Moon-Earth, or EME, contacts
- EchoLink

There will be many stations operating, including the following:

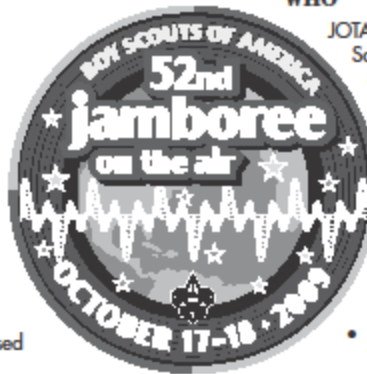
- K2BSA/5 at National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas
- Additional K2BSA stations assigned to other areas, such as K2BSA/0, K2BSA/1, etc.
- HB95, the World Scout Bureau headquarters in Switzerland
- GB2GP at Gilwell Park, England

Listen for other special call signs from many countries.

WHO

JOTA welcomes participation by Scouting and amateur radio enthusiasts of all ages:

- Cub Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Venturers
- Brawmie Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Former Scouts and Scouters
- Amateur radio operators
- Anyone interested in doing a Good Turn for Scouting and amateur radio



WHEN

JOTA always falls on the third full weekend in October.

JOTA will begin on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 00:01 hours local time, and end on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 23:59 hours local time.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

BY SELENE MONTGOMERY - KG4RMT

September 14, 2009

President Tim Ruffin W4TAR called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Motion was made and approved to accept the August minutes as printed in the newsletter.

President Tim reported that a Board of Directors meeting was held on August 30. Several matters were discussed including possible amendments to the constitution, JOTA participation, and the upcoming swapfest. A copy of the board meeting minutes will be emailed to the membership.

President Tim passed around the thank you card from the family of Tim Kemp for the memorial sent. Tim suggested that, in view of the limited funds in the treasury, the policy for death memorials be limited to the secretary sending a card expressing the club's sympathy. After a discussion, a motion was made and approved that future expressions of sympathy would consist of a card sent on behalf of the club to the family of a Southwake ARC member on his/her death, or to the member upon the death of a family member living in the same household.

David Caudle KJ4HNA thanked everyone who participated in Multiple Sclerosis (MS) fundraisers. Tuesday, September 15, between 4 & 9:30 P.M., some of the proceeds at Jersey Mike's will be donated to MS if the customer mentions MS when ordering.

All were asked to publicize the Tuesday night Trader's Net in order to increase participation.

Jim Williams W4VCF reported that the club would hold a fund-raising raffle for a Yaesu FT-60R Dual Band HT. Tickets will be \$5 each, and the winner will be drawn at the SWARC Christmas party on December 7. Jim hopes we can sell at least 50 tickets. Motion was made and passed for the treasurer to pay Jim the HT cost of \$175. Jim will report on possible sale of t-shirts, hats, badges, etc. at the October meeting.

Hank Montgomery K4HM reported that the Swapfest would be held on October 3 in Fuquay Varina starting at 8 A.M. He's waiting on final approval for the site. Possibilities include parking lots at Daniel's, Kohl's, and Sunset Plaza. Sale items will be limited to amateur radio equipment. President Tim will work on possibility of having coffee and donuts available. Neil Little WA4AZL suggested inviting a public service unit, such as EMS, for display.

Gino Fernandini KI4YXO reported that BASS Lake Days would also be on October 3 beginning at 2 P.M.

President Tim asked members to assist Roger Mathison W2ISG with an antenna raising between the swapfest and Bass Lake Days on October 3.

Jim Williams W4VCF suggested that the group consider a club outing to the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington.

Ryan Avery NC4RA sent word that the club now has 46 members.

Treasurer Donn Harris NC4DH reported an income of \$185 in membership dues, \$38 donation from last month's 50/50 winner, expenditure of \$11 for sodas at last meeting, leaving a balance on hand as of August 15, 2009 of \$1715.20.

President Tim suggested a committee be formed by those interested to handle any club participation in the Boy Scout's Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). The Hemlock District in Fuquay-Varina will host a JOTA setup on October 15 at the American Legion post on Johnson Pond Road. Approximately 150 scouts are expected to participate in fulfilling requirements for the Radio Merit Badge, and the event will require 2 to 4 stations. Dave Caudle KJ4HNA is awaiting further instructions from the council.

Jack Donnelly WA2YBM, club Public Service Director, asked folks to consider working the upcoming Light the Night events in Raleigh and Durham. Suggestions were made to email a list of upcoming public service events in the area to the membership, as well as to make announcements on the nightly nets. Members are encouraged to check the event calendar at hampublicservice.org.

Jack also reported that BJ NC4BJ asks everyone to remember to identify at the proper times and to be careful of conversation content while transmitting.

The dinner at the October meeting will be a potluck.

Vice-President Steve Mowels introduced James Larsen KI4FIX who presented a timely program on Counterintelligence/Counterterrorism Training (CIT). Subjects covered included Identifying Suspicious Contacts, Reporting Suspicious Contacts, Personally Identifiable Info, and Human Intelligence Targeting.

Hank Montgomery K4HM won the 50/50 raffle of \$12.75.

There were approximately 20 members and 2 guests present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING BY JENNIFER AVERY - KI4TFO

August 30, 2009

All seven board of directors were present.

Constitutional changes:

ARTICLE 6, PARAGRAPH 3: Board of Directors meetings shall be held on a regular monthly basis at a time and place determined by the board of directors and announced to the membership. Members may attend as a guest at any board meeting but should make prior arrangements if they have business to present to the board.

Proposed change: "on a regular monthly basis" change to "with an annual meeting in June and others as needed"

ARTICLE 5, PARAGRAPH 3: A Nominating committee shall be appointed at the April meeting and will report the slate of nominees for the above offices at the May and June membership meetings. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at each meeting provided the nominee agrees to the nomination.

Phil's change – I do not have the wording that Phil requested

Mark Perkins (NC4MP) suggested that the net whip be

made a Board of Directors member. This was decided against by the members.

Discussion was also given about giving a 2 week notice by the internet/email of upcoming board of directors meetings.

There was a request to use the PA system at club meetings. Discussion was made to get up with Dave about this possibility.

There was discussion about each board of director creating an outline of job duties for the predecessor to go by when they take over the position.

During the next meeting, Tim will address giving flowers to grieving family members vs just giving a card due to our limited budget.

JOTA: Is coming up and we need to address this at the next meeting.

Jim W4VCF will be discussing the raffle for a radio at the upcoming meeting.

Swap meet: Must discuss with Hank the upcoming swap meet.

SWARC FUND RAISER

The South Wake ARC is sponsoring a fund raiser auction. The prize is a Yaesu FT-60R dual band hand held transceiver. The drawing will be at the December club meeting and the winner does not need to be present. This will make a wonderful Christmas present for someone.

The tickets are \$5 dollars and are available at the club meetings as well as other Club sponsored events. Also you may

contact Jim Williams (W4VCF - w4vcf@arrl.net) and other club officers for tickets. Please see last page of this news letter for club officer email addresses.

I would like to see a good response to this auction so that we might consider other items of interest for future auctions.

PHONETIC ALPHABET

If you ever wondered? The correct words used for letters to make spelling more clear:

Alfa, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel,

India, Juliet, Kilo, Lima, Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hello, folks. Go to this URL to see a time lapse show of how the space station was put together. The thing that struck me was to think about the number of engineering design hours that went into it. Also, how they put all the good ideas into the available money!!!

http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm

Regards,
Herb Lacey

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A nice article in the N&O about Howard Thornton AC4UD finally receiving his WW2 medals (including Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross) from being a radioman and ball turret gunner in a B-24. Nice photo of his rigs including Hallicrafters and others. Sounds like an incredible guy. Never met him, but would like to.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/front/story/1666780.html>

This was supplied by Jack Donnelly (WA2YBM)

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in North Platte, Nebraska, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value.

Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

One nurse took her copy to Missouri .. The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas edition of the News Magazine of the St. Louis Association for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem.

And this little old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

Crabby Old Man

*What do you see nurses? What do you see?
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?*

*A crabby old man not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes.*

*Who dribbles his food and makes no reply,
When you say in a loud voice 'I do wish you'd try!'*

*Who seems not to notice the things that you do,
And forever is losing a sock or shoe.*

*Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill.*

*Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse you're not looking at me.*

*I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding as I eat at your will.*

*I'm a small child of Ten with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another*

*A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet,
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.*

*A groom soon at Twenty my heart gives a leap,
Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.*

*At Twenty-Five, now I have young of my own,
Who need me to guide and a secure happy home.*

*A man of Thirty my young now grown fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.*

*At Forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
But my woman's beside me to see I don't mourn.*

*At Fifty, once more Babies play round my knee,
Again, we know children my loved one and me.*

*Dark days are upon me my wife is now dead,
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.*

*For my young are all rearing young of their own,
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.*

*I'm now an old man and nature is cruel
Tis jest to make old age look like a fool.*

*The body, it crumbles, grace and vigor depart,
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.*

*But inside this old carcass a young guy still dwells,
and now and again my battered heart swells.*

*I remember the joys, I remember the pain,
And I'm loving and living life over again.*

*I think of the years, all too few and gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last*

*So open your eyes, people, open and see not a crabby old
man, Look closer, see ME!!*

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within, we will all, one day, be there, too!

The best and most beautiful things of this world can't be seen or touched .. They must be felt by the heart .
God Bless

SKYWARN INFORMATION NETS & UPCOMING EVENTS

As posted on <http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net/>

Every Tuesday at 9:15PM on the 146.88 repeater



CAROLINA HELPING HAMS

No events listed.

More details and sign-up information can be found on links from the Ham public service calendar at: www.hampublicservice.org

UPCOMING HAMFESTS AND CONVENTIONS

Pfafftown Swapfest
October 10th
West Central Community Center (WCCC)
6130 Yadkinville Road
Pfafftown, NC
Forsyth Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w4nc.com>
Talk-In: 146.64 (PL 100) or 145.47 (PL 100)

21st Annual JARSFEST
http://jars.net/JARSFEST_a.htm
Sunday November 15, 2009 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
American Legion Building, 605 N Wall Street
Benson, NC
Johnson County Amateur Radio Society
<http://jars.net>
Talk-in: 147.270

Stone Mountain Hamfest
<http://www.totr-radio.org/08hamfest/>
November 7 & 8 2009
Gwinnett County Fairgrounds
2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, Georgia.
Alford Memorial Radio Club - W4BOC
<http://www.totr-radio.org/>
Talk-in: 146.760 (pl 107.2)

For additional Hamfest information, see Hamfest Calendar on the next page under **Links of Interest**.

LICENSE TESTING

Capital Area Radio Testing Group
Apex, NC - October 3 Clayton Area EMS
317 South Robertson Street, Clayton, NC 27520

Capital Area Radio Testing Group
Raleigh, NC - October 24 1:30 P.M. First Alliance Church, 4400 Buffalo Road, Raleigh, NC

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

On Tuesday, October 6, the RARS will hold their annual auction. Information available at <http://rars.org/auction.php>

A Technician Class License class is being sponsored by RARS on October 10 & October 24. Details are available at <http://rars.org/TechnicianClass.pdf>.

LINKS OF INTEREST



South Wake ARC Club website: <http://www.southwakearc.com/>

South Wake ARC Yahoo group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southwakearc/>



Piedmont Coastal Repeater Network: <http://pcrn.net/>

Carolina 440 linked system: <http://www.carolina440.net/>



Central Carolina Skywarn: <http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net/>

SouthEastern Repeater Association: <http://www.sera.org/>



Wake County CERT: <http://www.wakecountycert.org/>

Wake County ARES/RACES: <http://www.wakeares.org/>



ARRL: <http://www.arrl.org/>

FCC Universal Licensing System: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>



Hamfest calendar: <http://k4hm.net/calendar.php>

NC Canine Emergency Response Team: <http://www.nccert.org/>



Capital Area Radio Testing Group: <http://www.cartgroup.org>

TRIANGLE EAST AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION 2009 VE SESSION SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION!

The Triangle East Amateur Radio Association (TEARA) is pleased to announce its 2009 schedule for amateur radio examinations. Exams are given the third Saturday of every month except July and December at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Cross office in Smithfield, North Carolina. The Red Cross is located at 801 South Third Street in downtown Smithfield. Additional directions are and a map link are given below.

For 2009, the dates are:

*** No session in July
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
*** No session in December

For more information go to: <http://teara-ve.ka4puv.com/>

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Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.